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33.	Kurnool	Gondiparla
34.	Mahabubnagar	Balampet
35.	Mahabubnagar	Gundumal
36.	Mahabubnagar	Kalwakol
37.	Medak	Malchelma
38.	Nalgonda	Ramapuram
39.	Nalgonda	Wardhamanukonda
40.	Nalgonda	Tadakamalla
41.	Nizamabad	Anksapur
42.	Nizamabad	Fakirabad
43.	Nellore	Goniprolu
44.	Nellore	Revur
45.	Vizianagaram	Jiyyammavalasa

Departmental telegraph offices in Sikkim

2081. SHRI KARMA TOPDEN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had given an assurrance to the Parliament that a Departmental Telegraph Office would be opened in all the four district of Sikkim by 31st March, 1997;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite this assurance two districts of the State, the South and North districts with headquarters at Namchi and Mangan respectively, have not yet been provided with a Departmental Telegraph Office; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the non-fulfilment of the assurance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir. No such assurance has been given by Government.

(b) Though there is no such assurance, still there is a proposal to open telegraph offices at Namchi and Mangan District Headquarters. This will be implemented as and when suitable accommodation is available.

(c) Question does not arise.

Establishment of an Ombudsman

2082. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has proposed the establishment of an Ombudsman to act as an interface between the consumers and the operators; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or proposed to take on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is only at consultation level at this stage. Government will take appropriate action once proposal is finalised by TRAI.

Sharing of profit of DOT with consumers

2083. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to share huge surplus being repead by the Department of Telecommunications with the consumers in the form of lower tariffs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) After meeting all the working expenses and payment of Dividend to General Revenues, the remaining surplus together with Depreciation of assets (an internal resource) is entirely ploughed back to finance developmental plans of the integrated telecom network. Since to give boost to developmental efforts, the availability of resources is often less than the requirement, the Department has to borrow Capital from the market. The likely impact of TRAI's tariff proposals on the size of surplus and the Departments development plans can not be estimated at this stage because TRAI's proposals are still in the form of a consultation paper.

Jangla telephone exchange of Shimla District

2084. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any

representation from the representative of Jangla area of Ransar valley of Shimla district regarding pitiable condition of Jangla telephone exchange;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demand; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The representation regarding request to connect Jangla telephone exchange to Rohru instead of Chirgaon to which it is presently connected have been received.

(b) and (c) The telephone exchange installed at Jangla is working satisfactorily. There was some electrical induction on the physical cable which has been set right to provide satisfactory performance for STD calls.

In order to provide better reliable connectivity with adequate circuits, it has been planned to connect Jangla exchange with Rohru telephone exchange (instead of Chirgaon to which it is presently connected) on Aerial Optical Fibre Cables during 1999-2000.

STD facility at Kachhona telephone exchange in Hardoi

2085. SHRI KANAK MAL KATARA:
SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had assured that the Kachhona telephone exchange in Hardoi district of Uttar Pradesh would be provided STD facility by March, 1997;

(b) if so, why this facility has not been provided to this exchange so far; and

(c) how much time Government will take further in providing the said facility to the said exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The STD facility to Kachhona will be provided during 1999-2000.

Telephone directory for Andhra Pradesh

2086. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest telephone directory of each district of Andhra Pradesh has been released;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when each directory will be released;

(c) whether the proposed directory will include telephone numbers provided in each district of Andhra Pradesh as on 31st August, 1998;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the directory will be distributed to all subscribers with or without renewal coupon being bonafide subscriber; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) Sir, the information on latest directory available and expected date of next release are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Directories proposed to be released in 1999 will contain telephone numbers provided upto 31.8.1998.

(e) and (f) Sir, the first directory to a new telephone connections is given without coupon and subsequent issues are given on production of the renewal coupons.

Statement

S. No.	Name of Telecom District (SSA)	Last Dir. Released	Next Dir. Expected
1.	Adilabad	May' 97	Mar' 99
2.	Anantapur	Jun' 97	Mar' 99
3.	Chittoor	Feb' 97	Mar' 99
4.	Cuddapah	Dec' 98	N.A.
5.	East Godavari	Aug' 97	Mar' 99
6.	Guntur	Sep' 97	Mar' 99
7.	Karimnagar	Jun' 97	Mar' 99
8.	Khammam	Apr' 97	Mar' 99
9.	Krishna	Nov' 98	N.A.
10.	Kurnool	Sep.' 97	Jan.' 99
11.	Mahabubnagar	Jun' 96	Dec. 98